(b) No such specific figures are available.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. There were some reports of increase in prices and disruption of supplies to certain areas in the country. However, it has not been possible to assess the extent of loss to the economy due to the strike. The strike which started on 1st July, 1992 was called off unconditionally on 7-7-92.

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12·00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memoranda of Understanding (1992-93) between Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and various Oil Companies and Refineries

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited for the year 1992-93.

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Oil India Limited for the year 1992-93.

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the Madras Refineries Limited for the year 1992-93.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and Cochin Refineries Limited for the year 1992-93.

(v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) and the IBP Co. Limited for the year 1992-93.

Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport Notification G.S.R. No. 551 (E), dated the 22nd May, 1992, publishing the Inland Waterways Authority of India (Amendment) Rules, 1992, under section 36 of the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Notification S.O. No. 451(E), dated the 19th June, 1992, superseding Notifiction No·

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SO. 436(E), dated the 12th June, 1989, under sub-section (4) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 161(E), dated the 4th April, 1992, publishing the Merchant Shipping (Radio) Amendment Rules, 1992, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): Madam, I lay on the Table, under section 23 of the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests Notification S.O. No. 227(E), dated the 24th March, 1992, specifying the quantities for which or exceeding which every owner handling the hazardous substance shall take out insurance policy as per the provisions of the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

Joint Committee on Offices of profit

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Madam, I beg to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha :

"I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 28th July, 1992, adopted the following motion :—

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do elect two members of Rajya Sabha according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit in the vacancies caused by the resignation of Shrimati Kailashpati and Shri Santosh Kumar Sahu from the membership of the Committee and do communicate to this House the names of members so appointed by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so appointed, may be communicated to this House."

RE. GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO ANDHRA PRADESH GOVERNMENT TO OPEN NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam, I sought your permission to raise the issue that the Andhra Pradesh Government has issued permission for opening of 12 medical colleges in the private sector. This is in contravention of the rules laid down by the Indian Medical Council.